

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont recognizes it has a vital role in identifying, protecting Vermonters from and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user and anyone who connects to the internet; and

WHEREAS, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls and using mobile devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Vermont's information, infrastructure and economy; and

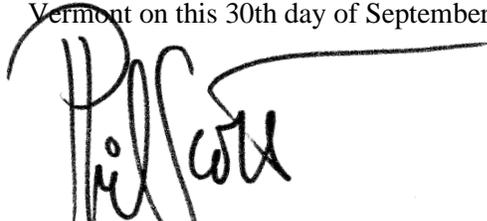
WHEREAS, the Vermont Agency of Digital Services was established in January 2017 to enhance and protect the State of Vermont's cybersecurity ecosystem.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 2022 as

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of September, A.D. 2022.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs